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SUBJECT: MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS: MESSAGE FOR KING HUSSEIN

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM ME TO KING HUSSEIN
AND INFORM PRIME MINISTER RIFAI.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

YOUR MAJESTY:

I AM PLEASED TO INFORM YOU THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN
EGYPT AND ISRAEL, IN WHICH WE HAVE BEEN ASSISTING THE PARTIES
AT THEIR REQUEST, HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFULLY CONCLUDED. IT WILL
BE ANNOUNCED SHORTLY IN EGYPT, ISRAEL AND WASHINGTON THAT AN
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THEM WILL BE INITIALED ON MON SEP 1, 1975
AND SIGNED LATER IN THE WEEK IN GENEVA. REPRESENTATIVES OF
THE TWO PARTIES WILL THEN WORK OUT IN THE MILITARY WORKING
GROUP OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE A PROTOCOL FOR IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE AGREEMENT, UPON SIGNATURE OF WHICH LATER IN SEPTEMBER
THE AGREEMENT WILL ENTER INTO EFFECT.

UNDER THE TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT, ISRAEL WILL WITHDRAW
FROM THE SINAI PASSES AND OIL FIELDS, AND BOTH PARTIES AGREE
NOT TO RESORT TO FORCE AND TO CONTINUE THEIR EFFORTS TO

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NEGOTIATE A FINAL PEACE SETTLEMENT WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF

THE GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 338. THEY HAVE ALSO AGREED TO A PROPOSAL, WHICH MUST BE APPROVED BY OUR CONGRESS, WHEREBY THEY WILL ENTRUST TO THE UNITED STATES AN EARLY WARNING SYSTEM IN THE AREA OF THE SINAI PASSES. THE UNITED STATES WILL MAKE AVAILABLE CIVILIAN PERSONNEL NOT TO EXCEED 200 IN NUMBER FOR THIS PURPOSE.

I BELIEVE YOUR MAJESTY WILL AGREE THAT THIS AGREEMENT CONSTITUTES A FURTHER SIGNIFICANT STEP TOWARD A JUST AND LASTING PEACE FOR ALL THE NATIONS AND PEOPLES OF THE MIDDLE EAST. WE FULLY RECOGNIZE THAT IT MUST BE FOLLOWED BY EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE PROGRESS ON THE OTHER ASPECTS OF A FINAL SETTLEMENT, INCLUDING EFFORTS TO PROMOTE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN SYRIA AND ISRAEL. IT IS OUR FIRM INTENTIN TO REMAIN ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN THE PEACE-MAKING PROCESS, HOWEVER DIFFICULT THAT MAY BE. OUR NATIONAL INTERESTS REQUIRE NOTHING LESS.

EGYPT AND ISRAEL, FOR THEIR PART, UNDERSTAND THAT THIS PROCESS MUST CONTINUE TO GO FORWARD. I WANT TO EMPHASIZE THIS POINT IN PARTICULAR, BECAUSE I KNOW HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO JORDAN AND SYRIA IN PARTICULAR, AND TO ALL OUR FRIENDS IN THE ARAB WORLD WHO HAVE PLACED THEIR CONFIDENCE IN US AND IN OUR EFFORTS TO HELP BRING ABOUT A COMPREHENSIVE, JUST AND DURABLE PEACE IN YOUR AREA. PRESIDENT FORD IS DETERMINED TO CONTINUE TO WORK FOR THIS OBJECTIVE AND, DESPITE SOME RECENT DIFFICULTIES AT HOME, I BELIEVE WE SHALL CONTINUE TO HAVE THE BROAD SUPPORT OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND CONGRESS IN OUR EFFORTS. IT IS MY HOPE AND BELIEF THAT THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL WILL HAVE A POSITIVE PSYCHOLOGICAL AND POLITICAL IMPACT ON ATTITUDES BOTH IN AMERICA AND IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND WILL CONTRIBUTE MEASURABLY TO GENERATING NEW MOMENTUM TOWARD PEACE.

I LOOK FORWARD TO DISCUSSING ALL THESE MATTERS AS WELL AS OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS PERSONALLY WITH YOUR MAJESTY WHEN I VISIT AMMAN TO WHICH, AS ALWAYS, I LOOK FORWARD WITH PARTICULAR PLEASURE.

WARM PERSONAL REGARDS,

HENRY A KISSINGER

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